



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8583**
Hirohito INOUE : Attorney Docket No. 2003_1507A
Serial No. 10/701,471 : Group Art Unit 2829
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed March 1, 2006, the period for response having been extended by three months to September 1, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: